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October 14, 1999

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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

RE:

CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160 Cost Proxy Model Proceeding

Dear Ms. Salas:

On October 13, 1999, Melissa Newman, Frank Hatzenbuehler, Peter Copeland and the undersigned, representing U S WEST, met with Kyle Dixon, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Powell and Lee Carosi, Legal Intern, to discuss the above-referenced proceeding. During that meeting, U S WEST agreed to provide additional information concerning the degree to which we continue to serve significant portions of the rural areas within our 14 State region. The attached materials are submitted pursuant to that commitment.

Due to the complexity of this analysis, and with the belief that this information must be filed in this proceeding today in order to avoid "sunshine provisions," U S WEST was only able to complete the preparation of line density information for 5 States within our region. U S WEST would be happy to provide this information for the remaining 9 States in our region, per your request.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, an original and three copies of this letter and attachment are being filed with your office for inclusion in the public record of this proceeding.

A courtesy copy of this presentation will be sent to Katie King, Common Carrier Bureau.

Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this submission are requested. A duplicate of this letter is attached for this purpose.

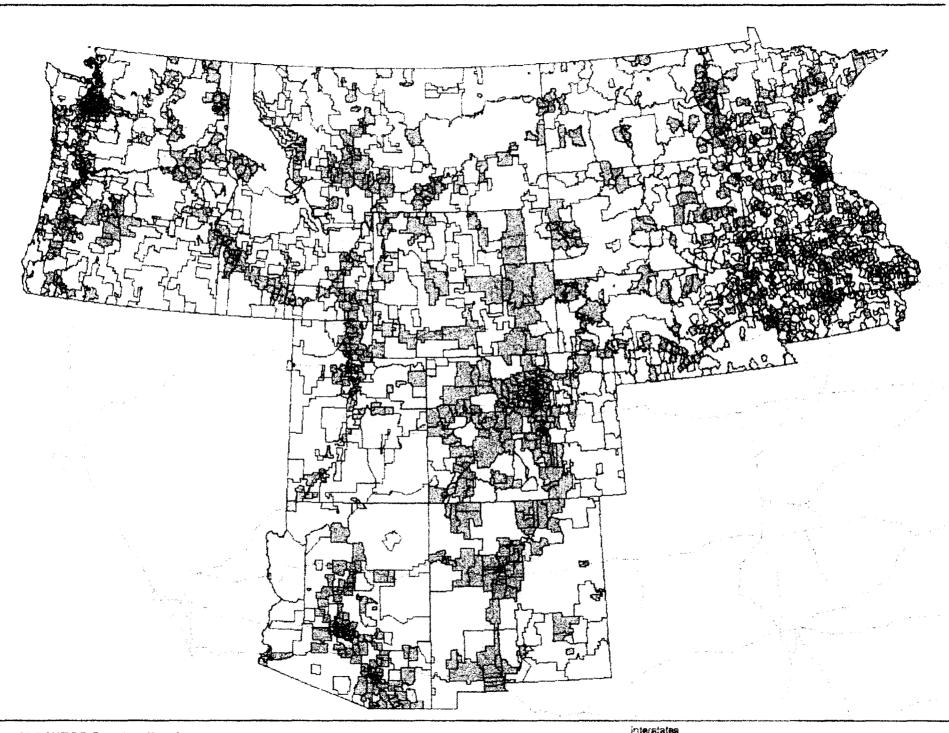
Sincerely,

Attachments

cc:

Mr. Kyle Dixon Mr. Lee Carosi Ms. Katie King

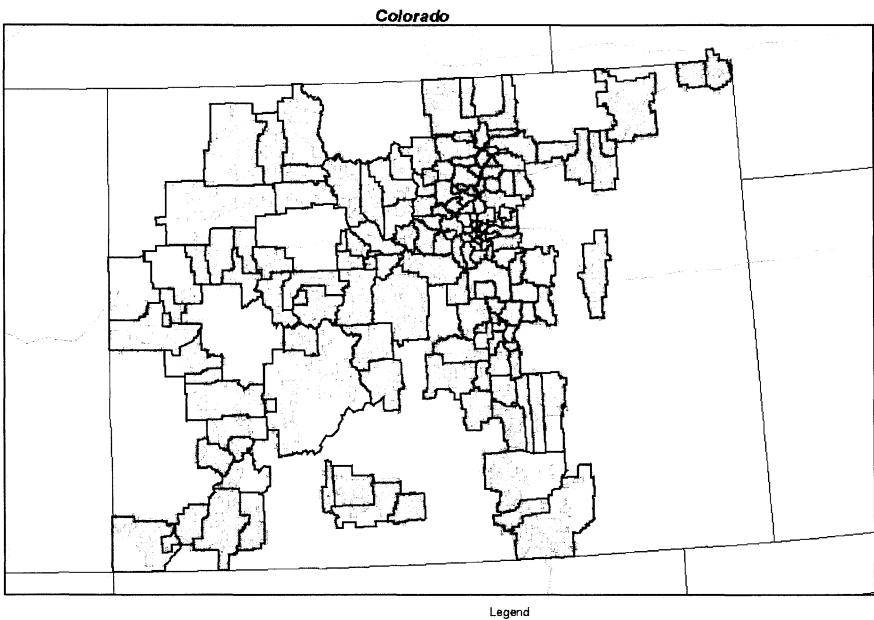
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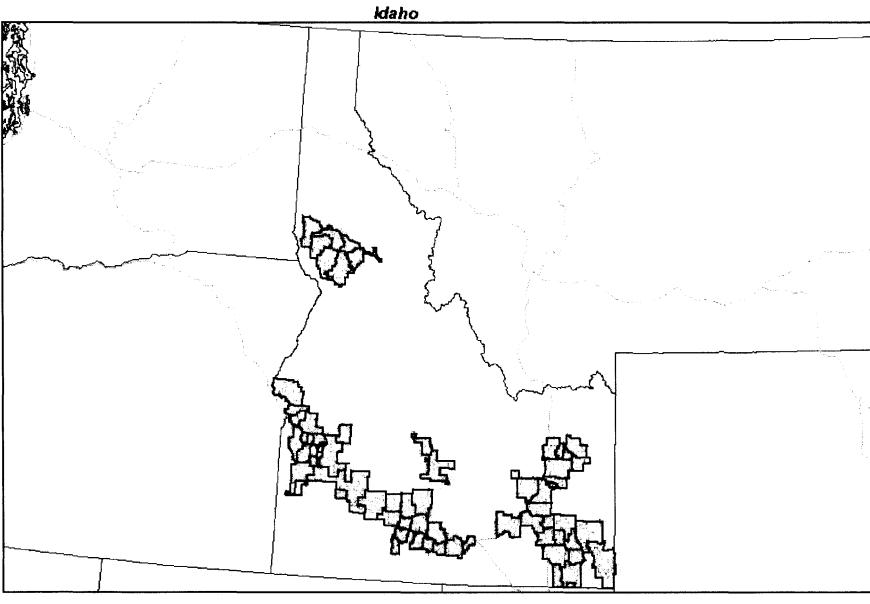
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U S WEST Line Density Map



U S WEST Wire Center Greaterthan 100 Lines/SQMI Less than 100 Lines/SQ MI



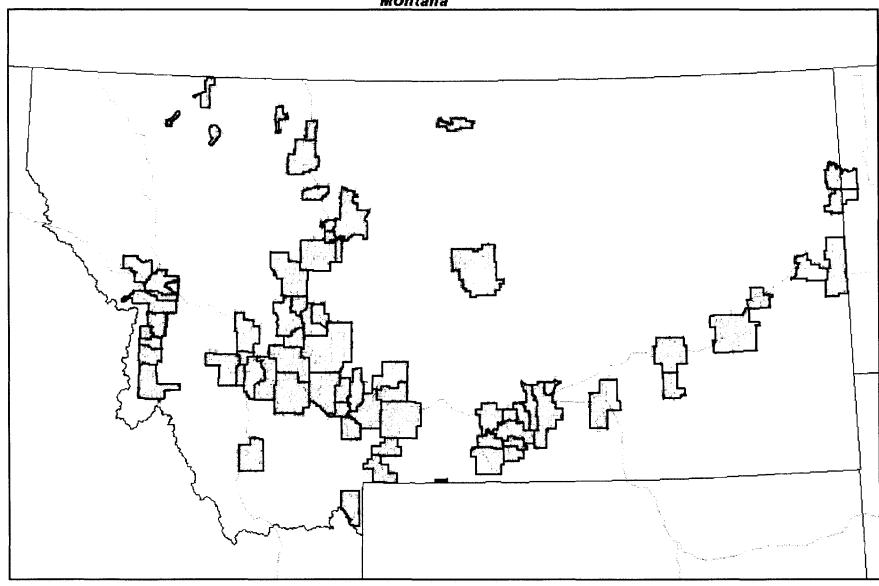
US WEST Line Density Map



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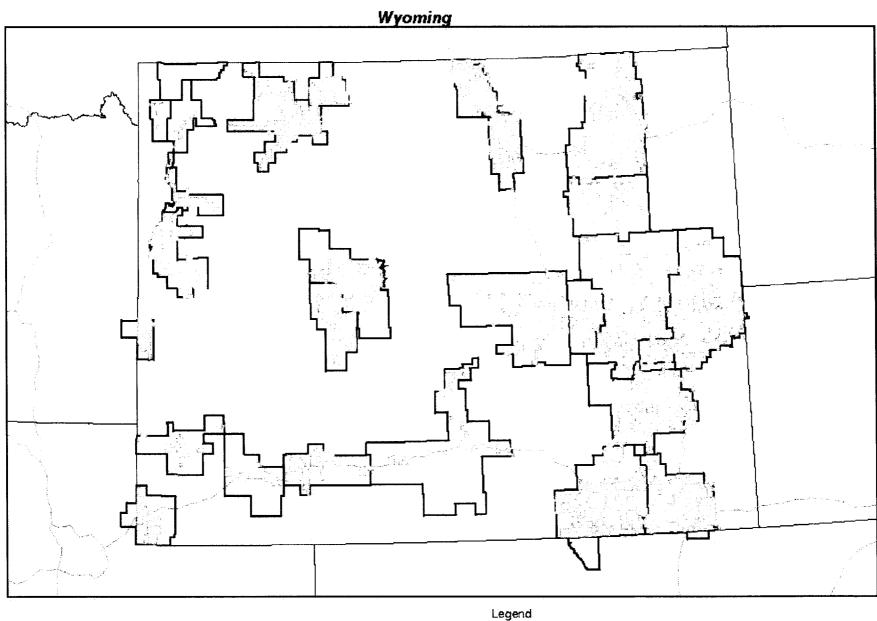
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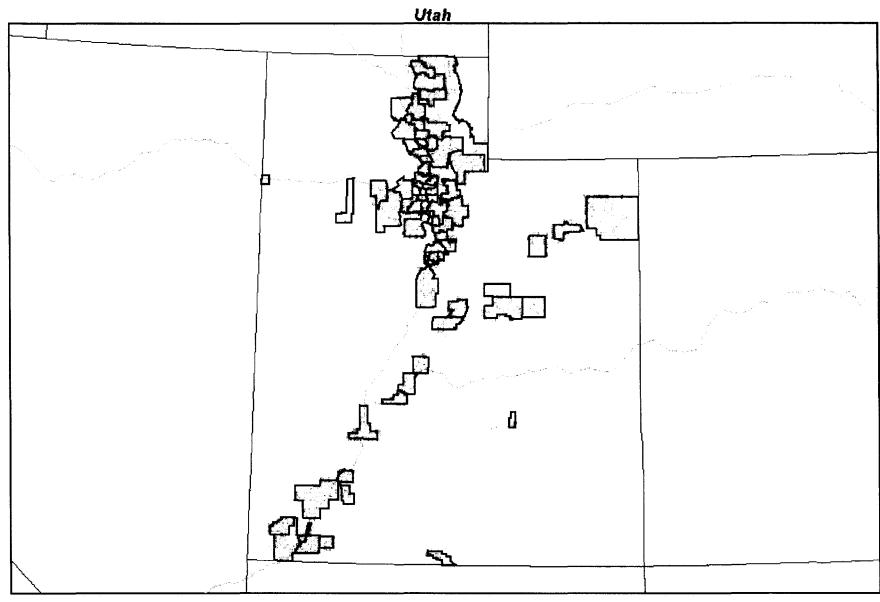
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